

For Chairman Powell to not see any reason for preventing the cross ownership of different media in an already nearly closed market belies the very essence of democratic discourse.

The quality of the 'news' we are now getting this last few years and particularly since 9/11, is proof in point.

There is a whole underbelly of analysis, criticism, full and whole reporting that even some journalists are afraid we'll never get back to, and is the very stuff of how deeply informed citizens can be and need to be truly represented by the Fourth Estate.

Indeed, there is really no Fourth Estate left on the national scene, and this is due directly to the very cross ownership that Chairman Powell is literally handing over to the present owners of the major media.